Implementation of Micro Watershed Programmes in Karnataka

1802. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many micro watershed projects are being implemented in the State of Karnataka during the 2005-06, and what is the target fixed for 2006-07;

(b) how many of these are being implemented through the Agriculture Department and how many of them through NGOs;

(c) what are the parameters adopted by Government to authorize the NGOs for its implementation; and

(d) whether the programmes are implemented by the NGOs as per the guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) In Karnataka State 4900 micro watersheds have been implemented during the year 2005-06. For the year 2006-07, the target fixed in 5130 micro watersheds.

(b) During 2005-06, 4086 Micro watersheds were implemented through Gram Panchayat's sub-committees under the guidance of Watershed Development Department of the State Government and 814 micro watersheds were implemented through the NGO's. During 2006-07, 4306 Micro Watersheds are being implemented through Gram Panchayat's sub-committees under the guidance of Watersheds Development Department and 824 micro watersheds were implemented through the NGOs.

(c) The parameters adopted by Government in authorizing the NGO's for its implementation are furnished below:

1. The NGOs should be a registered organization with minimum 3 years service experience.
2. Preference is given to the NGOs who have implemented similar Watershed Programmes.
3. The NGOs should have the potential to organize Women, SC/ ST, landless families etc.
4. The NGOs should have a clean and transparent record of service and administration.

5. The NGOs should have skilled specialists in their organization.

6. The organization should not have any criminal cases against them and have a local office and infrastructure.

(d) The Watershed Department Programmes are implemented as per the guidelines.

Leasing of Slipway Facilities at Ports in Kerala

1803. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the integrated fisheries project at Kochi is having a one well-run slipway with trolley and other facilities;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to make available above facility to Kerala on lease for 99 years;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Competent Authority of Kerala, in October, 2003, represented to the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, to make available above slipway facility to Port Department, Kerala on lease; and

(e) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) No decision to transfer slipway facility to Port Department, Kerala was taken.

Deficiency in Rainfall

1804. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite an early onset of monsoon, the Indian Meteorological Department, has made a downward revision of monsoon forecast and if so, the likely extent of deficiency;